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Attention Jared Blumfeld:

I am writing you about a problem we are having in our Community and are hoping that you can help us reach a Viable Solution. We recently learned that PG&E owns property (Desert View Dairy located at 37501 Mtn. View Rd. in Hinkley, Ca.) that has groundwater with 39,000 P.P.B. of Uranium in it. We were wondering if PG&E was under any kind of "Clean - Up" Order for the Uranium. Furthermore, PG&E has built their Compressor Station (located at 35863 Fairview Rd. in Hinkley, Ca.) and 2 of their Transmission Pipelines are In-Close Proximity (maybe even right on top) of a Faultline named "The Lockhart Faultline" putting both at risk from an Earthquake and Possibly an Earthquake Induced Explosion. Having all of this, only 50 miles from Ft. Irwin, it seemed like this could be a possible "National Security Concern". This might seem like an odd question, so let me give you some background information on the issue.

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Sometime in the early 1960's, PG&E released Chromium 6 into the surrounding environment including the ground water and continue to release it into the air.

With PG&E agreeing to clean up the Chromium 6 Plume, we thought that the community could begin to heal and life would get better. That is Not the case.

In attempting to clean up the Chromium 6 Plume, PG&E has only made the problem Much, Much Worse. They have created a "Manganese" Plume. And Arsenic. And TDS. Etc.

The Lahontan Water Board and PG&E has told us that it could take anywhere between 30 to 100 Years to clean up the Chromium 6 depending on the severity of further "Environmental Impacts" the Community can or will accept.

The President from Libre Energy, Dan Hendrickson, stated that they can clean it up with their "Water Electrocoagulation System" in Months/Few Years, Not Decades. They stated that they presented this to the Lahontan Water Board and PG&E but were told that it was "Not a Feasible Solution". Instead, PG&E wants to inject Ethanol into the groundwater and use Agricultural Units to convert Chromium 6 into Chromium 3, which as stated above, could take up to 100 Years. How is that Feasible? And where they claim the Chromium 6 Plume is at, there were

Agricultural Units Already There for 25 - 30 Years after PG&E claims they quit using Chromium 6 and those Agricultural Units did not clean - up the Chromium 6. So that process does not work.

And then they came out with their Three (3) Solutions or "Offers of Relief" as they call them, for Property Owners. The Choices were - #1 Whole Home Filteration, #2 New Deeper Well, and Finally #3 Home Purchase Program. On the surface these "Offers" seem Good. But when questioned about each of the "Offers", they all have Horrible Downsides. The Cost of the Whole Home Filteration System is Only Covered/Paid For for 5 Years, after that, who knows. The Home Purchase Program is Unfair and Unbalanced, with the Contractors The Hinkley Residents are Negotiating With are Contracted by PG&E and The "Settlements" are based on "Contaminated/Unsafe" Land Prices. And Finally the New Deeper Well has been taken "Off The Table" because Chromium 6 has been Found in the Lower Aquifer as well.

The Community Of Hinkley has Lived with Chromium 6 Poisoned Water for 60 Years. How much longer should we be Forced to live this way? People have "Severe" Health Issues, Linked to Chromium 6 Exposure, and have Passed these Health Issues Onto Their Children. People have Died. My own family has Health Problems, Linked to Chromium 6 Exposure, and some have Passed Away From Them. And Now we're being Exposed to Several Other Chemicals with their Own Health Effects/Risks. Yet PG&E wants Another 30 to 100 Years, they've Already had 47 Years, just to clean up the Chromium 6. And would discuss the "Clean - Up" Side - Effects "Sometime" in the future. While still arguing about What, If Anything, is Their Responsibility.

I would like to ask if you will help us? The Chromium 6 Plume is Expanding. The "Clean - Up" Plan is causing "Horrible" Side - Effects. And just recently, PG&E claims that the "Majority" of Hinkley Residents have "No Water Rights". Now, we find out that PG&E owns property that has groundwater with 39,000 P.P.B. of Uranium in it.

Please, any help would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact us at the following address and/or phone number -

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We are just asking PG&E to do the Right Thing and find a Realistic & Viable Solution for the Community of Hinkley. As Citizens of The United States of America, we have the Right To Live And Prosper.

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